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1958

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ASSISTANT COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER :
DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :
DAWLISH U.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT R.D.C.
NEWTON ABBOT U.D.C.
TEIGNMOUTH U.D.C. AND
PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

COUNCIL OFFICES,

KINGSTEIGNTON ROAD

NEWTON ABBOT.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	92,650
Population Mid 1958	25,720
Population 1951 Census	25,795
Population Administrative County of Devon	517,900
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January, 1958	£245,365
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December, 1958	£244,255
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April, 1958	£934

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	153	140	293
Illegitimate	8	2	10
	<u>161</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>303</u>
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			11.78
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population			13.66
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			13.23
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			15.08
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			16.4

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	5	2	7
Illegitimate	1	1	2
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>

Still Birth rate per 1000 population	0.35
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births	28.84
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon	21.3
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births England and Wales	21.6

Deaths

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 70.62 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths is 69.80 years and for female deaths 71.42 years.

	Male	Female	Total
	173	177	350
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population			13.61
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population			11.16
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			14.31
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon			11.01
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales			11.7

Infant Mortality

(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births			19.80
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales			22.6

Neo-Natal Mortality

(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	4	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	— 2 —		

Neo-Natal Mortality

Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under 4 weeks) 19.80

Neo-Natal Mortality rate for England and Wales 16.2

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Rural District during 1958. Four maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Infants under Four weeks	11	3
Infants under One year	1	-
1 - 4	-	1
5 - 14	2	-
15 - 24	1	1
25 - 44	3	7
45 - 64	38	32
65 - 74	51	46
75 and over	76	87
	<u>173</u>	<u>177</u>

Total: 350

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	173	177
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
Malignant neoplasm stomach	7	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	2
Malignant neoplasm breast	2	7
Malignant neoplasm uterus	-	4
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	18	15
carried forward	<u>37</u>	<u>35</u>

CAUSES OF DEATH (continued)

	Male	Female
brought forward	37	35
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	30	29
Coronary disease, angina	25	21
Hypertension with heart disease	6	5
Other heart disease	21	38
Other circulatory disease	6	6
Influenza	1	-
Pneumonia	4	4
Bronchitis	5	5
Other diseases of respiratory system	4	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	17	26
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
All other accidents	3	3
Suicide	4	1
	<u>173</u>	<u>177</u>

Total: 350

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	11	13	24
Whooping Cough	10	8	18
Measles	53	53	106
Pneumonia	-	1	1
Erysipelas	1	3	4
	<u>75</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>153</u>

Total: 153

TUBERCULOSIS

Nine cases of pulmonary and one case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1958. Details are set out in the following table:-

AGE PERIODS			CASES			
			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
			M	F	M	F
Under Five years			—	—	—	—
5	—	14	—	—	—	—
15	—	24	—	1	—	—
25	—	44	1	3	—	1
45	—	64	1	—	—	—
65	and over		2	1	—	—
			4	5	—	1

Total: 10.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951

No official action was necessary under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 during 1958.

H. Davies.

Medical Officer of Health

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1958

STAFF:

Chief Public Health Inspector

A. R. Gray, C.R.S.I.,

Additional Public Health Inspector

A. R. Smith, M.A.P.H.I.

Shorthand/Typist/Clerk

Miss A. P. Clark.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1958.

Details of inspections made are set out in the following pages:-

DRAINAGE:

Number of premises visited	104
Number of tests applied	30
Number of visits made	177

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

1. <u>Inspections</u>	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	3	3	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	132	172	20	-
iii. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	29	29	-	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS (Cont'd)

2. Cases in which defects were found.

<u>No. of cases in which defects were found:-</u>	Found	Remedied	Ref. to H.M. Insp.	Ref. by H.M. Insp.	Prosecution
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	3	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	Nil				

FOOD INSPECTION

During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

1	6lb.	Can Ox Tongue
8	12 oz.	" Corned Beef
1	4lb.	" Luncheon Meat
1		" Mushroom Soup
1		" Garden Peas
1		" Sardines
1	2lb.	" Danish Cooked Ham
36	Cases	Apricots
71		Fancy Cakes
12		Swiss Rolls
12		Cakes
28	lbs.	Frozen Cake Mixture
2		Cow Carcasses & organs
7		Sheep " " "
7		Bullocks " " "
1		Pig " " "

	CATTLE (including Cows)	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS
NUMBER KILLED	799	119	2,951	1,331
NUMBER INSPECTED	799	119	2,951	1,331
All diseases other than Tuberculosis				
(i) Whole carcass condemned	7	2	9	1
(ii) Carcass of which some part of organ was condemned	48	-	20	13
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis	7.06	1.6	.98	1.05
Tuberculosis only				
(i) Whole carcass condemned	-	-	-	-
(ii) Carcass of which some part of organ was condemned	2	-	1	4
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis	.25	-	.33	.35
Number of cases of Cysticercus Bovis	Nil			

FOOD INSPECTION Cont'd

ICE CREAM:

Number of premises registered for the Sale of Ice Cream is 95. There are no premises in the district where ice cream is produced and no ice cream is sold from "bulk" supplies. All the premises registered above sell only the "prepacked" product. Frequent visits are made to ensure compliance with the "Hygiene Regulations" emphasis being placed on the requirement that no packages are to be opened for the purpose of retail sale.

GENERAL:

1,013 visits were made during the year to the various slaughterhouses in the district for meat inspection

161 visits were made during the year to other food premises.

HOUSING:

A Summary of the work carried out under this heading is as given below:-

Number of additional dwellings provided by private enterprise and brought into residential use.	
(a) By new Building	81
(b) By structural sub-division	2
(c) Temporary dwellings	6
Number of dwellings inspected	120
Number of inspections made	240
Number of Informal Notices	76
Number of Statutory Notices served:-	
(a) Under Section 9, Housing Act, 1957	4
(b) Under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957	16
Number of dwellings rendered fit	80

Rent Act, 1957 (Part II) Certificates of Disrepair

Applications made under the above Act	10
Inspections made and Issue of Certificates agreed	10
Subsequent inspections	25
Certificates subsequently complied with	10

MILK (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk)
Regulations (1949 - 54)

28 Principal Licences and 9 Supplementary Licences were issued.

37 Inspections and visits were made in this connection.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL:

Domestic refuse is collected throughout the Rural District covering 25 Parishes. Statistical details are given below showing operational arrangements:-

Area of district	92,650 acres
Weight of Refuse collected (Est.)	10,824 tons
Population (R. G. Est.)	25,720 persons
Weight (Cwts.) per 1,000 population per day	22.8 cwts
Number of premises from which refuse is collected	7,650
Collections made weekly (% of whole)	75%
Average haul in miles	12
Kerbside Collection (% of whole)	100%
Total refuse disposed of within the Rural District	10,824 tons
Method of Disposal	Controlled tipping
Number of Collection Areas	46
Weekly Collection (Urbanised Areas)	6
Fortnightly Collection	17
Monthly Collection	17
Quarterly Collection	6

Arrangements made meet the requirements of the district and from time to time it is necessary to re-arrange certain of the rounds to meet requests where new development has taken place.

The tip is regularly treated to control rodent infestation and during the summer season daily treatment with insecticide is carried out to control the infestation by flies the majority of which are brought in with the refuse.

This latter has proved to be a problem of some magnitude but the method of regular daily spraying coupled with the covering of the tip surface and tipping face has produced a marked improvement.

RODENT CONTROL

As in previous years two treatments of the sewerage systems of the Rural District were carried out. 105 manholes being baited and poisoned on each occasion.

In addition 340 premises were visited for rat infestation.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958:

Licences to Slaughter or Stun Animals in accordance with the provisions of the above Act were issued to 30 applicants.

Licences were issued to 11 Slaughterhouse Owner/Occupier to cover the period from 31st January, 1958, to 31st July, 1959.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACT - WASTE FOODS ORDER, 1957:

Administration of the above order ensuring compliance with the requirements relating to Collection, Cooking and feeding of swill to pigs is under the jurisdiction of the County Council.

When requested to accept delegated powers under the Act and Order the Newton Abbot Rural District Council resolved that they would not agree to do so, but would arrange to carry out inspections from time to time and inform the County Public Health Inspector as to their findings.

At the end of the year 20 Pigkeepers had been licenced under the Order.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 - Section 269

- (i) 18 Licences are in force authorising persons to allow land occupied by them within the district to be used as sites for Moveable Dwellings and
- (ii) 57 Licences authorising persons to erect or station, and use such dwellings within the district are also in force, the latter being renewable annually.

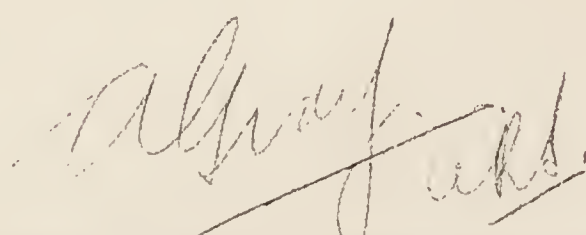
Licences are granted subject to the provision of an adequate pure water supply, satisfactory sanitary accommodation and arrangements for the disposal of soil and slop water. The collection and disposal of refuse is carried out in co-operation with the Rural District Council. The lay-out, spacing and conduct of the site generally must comply with standards determined by the Council.

During the Holiday season especially between July and September the influx of caravans and tents increases and a survey is made annually to ensure that water supply points, toilet accommodation and the disposal of refuse are satisfactory and sufficient having regard to the increased usage.

In this connection approximately 75 inspections of sites are made and individual caravans are also given regular attention, altogether 165 inspections were made during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES:

350 public water supplies samples were taken during the year.
262 samples were equal to a Class 1 piped supply.
88 samples were contaminated.


Chief Public Health Inspector

December, 1960.

